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Title: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR TRACING

EXHIBIT A

DECLARATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.131

I, Bradley D. Millington, declare as follows:

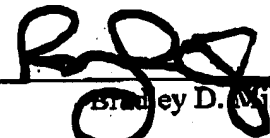
1. I am an inventor named on U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/876,689 filed June 7, 2001.
2. I am aware of the Examiner's Office Action mailed August 8, 2004, in which the book "A Preview of Active Server Pages +" by Anderson et al. was cited by Examiner Baderman in a rejection of all the pending claims of the present application under 35 USC § 102(a).
3. I am aware that the book "A Preview of Active Server Pages +" was developed for and distributed at the Microsoft Professional Developers Conference in July of 2000.
4. The invention set forth in each of the rejected claims 2-9, 11-18, and 20-27 in US Patent application 09/876,689 was conceived and actually reduced to practice by the named inventors at least prior to July 2000. Exhibit B, attached hereto, is evidence of conception and reduction to practice of the claimed invention. Indeed, the earliest date on my document (See, Section 10. "Change History") is February 14, 2000 or 5 months before the Microsoft 2000 Professional Developers Conference.

5. Section 6. "Trace Functionality" of Exhibit B documents both conception and actual reduction to practice of the claimed invention.

6. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Date

4/14/2005


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